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TAGS: AMGT, AFSP
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY - PART 4 QUESTIONA 16-32

REF: STATE 173492
PROPERTY LEASED FOR LESS THAN 3 YEARS - QUESTION 16

A.1 9 BLOMFIELD ROAD, LONDON

A.2 5 BEDROOM HOUSE

A.3 RESIDENTIAL

A.4 2,000

A.5 1,800

A.6 2 YEARS

B.1 \$9,282

B.2 \$2,100

B.3 D.R. DICKSON

B.4 JUSTICE

B.5 ASST. LEGAL ATTACHE, GS-14

B.6 -

A.1 BOYDELL COURT)

A.2 5 APARTMENTS) SEE NOTE AT END OF QUESTION 16

A.3 RESIDENTIAL)

A.4)

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B.1)

B.2)

B.3)

B.4) SEE NOTE AT END OF QUESTION 16

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B.6)

A.1 89 CAMBERWELL GROVE, LONDON
A.2 4 BEDROOM HOUSE
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 1,700
A.5 1,600
A.6 2 YEARS
B.1 \$7,280
B.2 \$ 850
B.3 A. PERLMAN
B.4 USIS
B.5 DEPUTY PAO, FS10-2
B.6 -

A.1 29 CHEYNE WALK, LONDON
A.2 5 BEDROOM HOUSE
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 3,400
A.5 2,950
A.6 2 YEARS
B.1 \$11,375
B.2 \$2,100
B.3 M.G. MACDONALD
B.4 STATE (POL/M)
B.5 POL. OFF. GS-15
B.6 -

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A.1 20 CROOMS HILL, LONDON
A.2 4 BEDROOM HOUSE
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 2,600
A.5 2,200
A.6 2 YEARS
B.1 \$9,100
B.2 \$1,100
B.3 J. ASCHER
B.4 USIA

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B.5 INFORMATION OFFICER - FSO-3

B.6 -

A.1 71 EYRE COURT, LONDON

A.2 3 BEDROOM APARTMENT

A.3 RESIDENTIAL

A.4 1,900

A.5 1,720

A.6 MONTH-TO-MONTH

B.1 \$3,325

B.2 \$1,416

B.3 VACANT

B.4 STATE

B.5 -

B.6 -

A.1 30 EATON PLACE, LONDON (1ST FLOOR FLAT)

A.2 3 BEDROOM APARTMENT

A.3 RESIDENTIAL

A.4 1,100

A.5 950

A.6 1 YEAR

B.1 \$12,200

B.2 \$ 1,416

B.3 P. NIBLO

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B.4 DEA

B.5 DEA REP. - GS-14

B.6 -

A.1 107 ERSKINE HILL, LONDON

A.2 3 BEDROOM HOUSE

A.3 RESIDENTIAL

A.4 1,500

A.5 1,350

A.6 2 YEARS
B.1 \$6,370
B.2 \$2,000
B.3 A. MCCOWN
B.4 TREAS.(FIN)
B.5 INT. ECON. GS-13
B.6 -

A.1 29 EVELYN MANSIONS, LONDON
A.2 4 BEDROOM APARTMENT
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 1,800
A.5 1,675
A.6 DAY-TO-DAY
B.1 \$4,375
B.2 \$1,600
B.3 W.WADE
B.4 USIS (VOA/C)
B.5 SNR. CORRESPONDENT, FSR-2
B.6 -

A.1 38 SOUTH EATON PLACE, LONDON
A.2 5 BEDROOM HOUSE
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
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A.4 3,000
A.5 2,720
A.6 2 YEARS 243 DAYS
B.1 \$16,639
B.2 2,500
B.3 J.E. AMMERMAN
B.4 TREAS (FIN)
B.5 FIN. ATTACHE GS-16
B.6 -

A.1 "TANGLEWOOD" WIDMOOR, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
A.2 4 BEDROOM HOUSE
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 2,850
A.5 2,600
A.6 2 YEARS
B.1 \$7,525
B.2 \$1,600
B.3 E.W. HARVEY
B.4 TREAS (IRS)
B.5 ASS. REV. REP. GS-14
B.6 -

A.1 FLAT 8, VALIANT HOUSE, VICARAGE CRESCENT, LONDON

A.2 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 1,000

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A.5 780
A.6 1 YEAR
B.1 \$3,640
B.2 \$1,610
B.3 H.S. DANNENHAUER
B.4 TREAS (FIN)
B.5 SYCY. GS-6
B.6 -

A.1 30 PEMBROKE GARDENS CLOSE, LONDON
A.2 4 BEDROOM HOUSE
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 1,600
A.5 1,520
A.6 2 YEARS
B.1 \$10,937
B.2 \$2,000
B.3 L.R. PATTERSON, CAPT.
B.4 O.N.R.
B.5 ASST. NAVAL ATTACHE
B.6 -
A.1 12A ALBERT COURT, LONDON
A.2 4 BEDROOM APARTMENT
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 2,400

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A.5 2,300
A.6 3 MONTHLY
B.1 \$4,419
B.2 \$1,448
B.3 H.G. HAGERTY
B.4 STATE (POL/AD)
B.5 POL. ADVISER FSO-3
B.6 -

A.1 25 PARK AVENUE, LONDON
A.2 4 BEDROOM HOUSE
A.3 RESIDENTIAL
A.4 2,100
A.5 1,950
A.6 2 YEARS
B.1 \$8,645
B.2 \$2,000
B.3 R. KEANE
B.4 JUSTICE
B.5 ASS. LEGAL ATTACHE GS-14
B.6 -

NOTE RE: 5 BOYDELL COURT FLATS

	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT
	23	25	75	87	100
A.1	-	-	-	-	-
A.2	5 ROOMS	6 ROOMS	6 ROOMS	6 ROOMS	5 ROOMS
A.3	RES.	RES.	RES.	RES.	RES.
A.4	957	1,012	1,012	L,012	957
A.5	718	766	766	766	718
A.6	2 YEARS	2 YEARS	2 YEARS	2 YEARS	2 YEARS

B.1 \$3,938 \$4,375 \$4,375 \$4,375 \$3,938
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B.2 \$1,000 \$1'000 \$1,000 \$1'000 \$1,000
B.3 J.F.HOWLEY R.S.LOWE J.BLANKE J.BACHA VACANT
B.4 STATE STATE STATE STATE STATE
B.5 CONS.OFF COMM.OFF COMM.OFF COMM.OFF -
(FSS-3 (FSS-7) (FSS-8) (FSR-7) -
QUESTION 17
CODING
A.1 OPERATING
A.2 MAINTENANCE (FBO)

A.3 REFURNISHING

A.4 REMODELING

AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

A. EXPENSES FY-73 FY-74 FY-75 FY-76 FY-77

A.1 61,570 68,410 60,114 76,285 98,905

A.2 20,046 22,274 29,702 41,235 60,000

A.3 1,650 1,833 6,988 20,582 20,804

A.4 - - - - -

B. SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENSE: NONE

DCM RESIDENCE

A. EXPENSES

A.1 3,568 3,964 5,145 5,368 5,431

A.2 173 193 22,954 2,229 14,000

A.3 1,429 1,588 3,643 3,238 20,026

A.4 - - - - -

B. SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENSES: NONE

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18. STATE HOUSING UNITS: 125

QUESTION 19

GRADE	NUMBER
FSO-1	1
FSO-4	3
FSO-7	1
FSR-2	1
FSR-3	1
FSR-4	3
FSR-5	1
FSS-3	1

20. GRADE	NUMBER	AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE
AMBASSADOR - CHIEF OF MISSION	1	136,000
FSO-1 DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION	1	18,000
FSO-1 ECONOMIC MINISTER	1	4,000
FSO-3 PRINCIPAL OFF. - BELFAST	1	4,000
FSO-3 " " - EDINBURGH	1	5,000
CM-1 PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR	1	10,000

21. THE EMBASSY PROVIDES THE USUAL RANGE OF SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYEES IN GOVERNMENT OWNED OR LEASED QUARTERS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGULATIONS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE PAYMENT OF UTILITIES AND SIMILAR

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EXPENSES AS WELL AS THE PROVISION OF STANDARD FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES. MAINTENANCE IS PROVIDED TO COVER GENERAL REPAIRS DUE TO STRUCTURAL DEFICIENCIES, PERIODIC REPAINTING AND REPAIRS TO FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT DUE TO NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR. THE OCCUPANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE THINGS NORMALLY EXPECTED OF ANYONE LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, I.E., REPLACEMENT OF EXPENDABLE ELECTRICAL OR PLUMBING SUPPLIES, MINOR REPAIRS, CLEANING, CLEARANCE OF SIDE WALKS, ETC., AND ANY DAMAGES TO PROPERTIES DUE TO NEGLIGENCE. LESSORS UNDER SHORT TERM LEASES ARE MADE TO CARRY OUT THEIR SHARE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN THIS CAN BE INCORPORATED IN THE LEASE.

22. SUPPORT PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATELY-LEASED HOUSING.

IN GENERAL THE EMBASSY DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY SUPPORT TO EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATELY-LEASED QUARTERS, ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO SUCH EMPLOYEES ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF SUITABLE HOUSING, AND THE LOCAL TERMINOLOGY, POLICIES AND PRACTICES USED IN LEASE NEGOTIATIONS. IN EMERGENCIES, THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO LEND SUCH ITEMS AS A BED OR A COT BUT THIS RARELY OCCURS. EMPLOYEES COSTS ARE REIMBURSED BY GIVING THEM A LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCE AS PRESCRIBED IN THE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS.

23. BUILDING MAN YEARS

HOUSING MANAGEMENT:	5
HOUSING MAINTENANCE:	20
TOTAL	25

24. IN VIEW OF THE CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSING

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ING IN THE LONDON AREA AND THE INCREASINGLY HIGH COSTS AND LOSS IN MAN HOURS INCURRED BY PERSONNEL WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FIND QUARTERS ON THEIR OWN, IT IS THE EMBASSY'S EVENTUAL AIM TO HAVE 100 PERCENT GOVERNMENT HOUSING FOR ALL AGENCIES REPRESENTED AT THE MISSION. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IN THIS WAY, THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SERVED BOTH IN TERMS OF EMPLOYEE MORALE AND COST TO THE USG.

25. THE PRIMARY HOUSING LAWS WHICH HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON THE EMBASSY IN FINDING SUITABLE HOUSING FOR ITS EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN ENACTED WITHIN THE LAST 16 YEARS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THESE LAWS ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. HOUSING ACT 1961

THIS ACT INCREASED THE LANDLORD'S MAINTENANCE OBLIGATION IN ANY LEASE HAVING A TERM OF LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS. THIS HAD THE AFFECT OF ENCOURAGING LANDLORD'S TO LEASE ONLY FOR PERIODS OF SEVEN YEARS OR MORE SO THAT THESE OBLIGATIONS WOULD FALL ON THE TENANT.

B. RENT ACTS 1968 & 1974

THESE ACTS WERE PASSED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO LOW INCOME TENANTS. THEY HAVE HAD THE AFFECT OF MAKING REASONABLY PRICED RENTAL HOUSING SCARCER FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

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C. MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE ACTS

OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS MISCELLANEOUS ACTS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE INCREASED THE TAX PAYABLE BY LANDLORDS ON RENTS RECEIVED. THIS HAS INFLUENCED THE TENDANCY FOR UK LANDLORDS TO SELL RATHER THAN LEASE THEIR PREMISES AND THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL MARKET FROM FOREIGN SOURCES WILLING TO PAY HIGH PRICES.

26. DEFINITELY YES. THE HOUSING SITUATION IN THE LONDON AREA CONTINUES TO BE CRITICALLY TIGHT, WILL PROBABLY WORSEN IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND AS A RESULT RENTAL COSTS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO RISE AT A VERY RAPID RATE SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS WILL THEREFORE EVENTUALLY ACCRUE TO THE USG IF WE BUY OR BUILD HOUSING UNITS FOR ALL OF OUR PERSONNEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS PROPERTY VALUES CONTINUE TO GO UP EACH YEAR, IT IS CERTAIN THAT THIS ACTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED A WISE AND PRUDENT MOVE IN THE DECADES TO COME.

27. A 13 PASSENGER CARS & STATION WAGONS

3 MINI BUSES

6 MAINTENANCE VEHICLE & TRUCKS

B NONE

28. JOB TITLES AND GRADES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ACCORDED

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CHIEF OF MISSION	
IRO GENERAL/ASST. TO THE AMBASSADOR	FSO-06
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION	FSO-01
CHIEF POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-01
DEPUTY CHIEF POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-02
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER	FSO-01
LABOR/POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-01
POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-03
POLITICAL MILITARY AFFAIRS OFFICER	FSO-03
POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-03
POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-02
POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-04
POLITICAL OFFICER	FSRU-04
ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL OFFICER	FSO-02
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST	FSO-04
INT.ECONOMIST & COMMODITIES OFFICER	FSO-03
INT. TRANS. & COMM. OFFICER	FSO-04
FINANCIAL ECONOMIST	FSO-04
TITLE	GRADE
COMMERCIAL OFFICER	FSO-01
COMMERCIAL OFFICER	FSO-03

TRADE PROMOTION OFFICER	FSR-02
TRADE PROMOTION OFFICER	/SO-06
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	FSO-01
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	FSO-06
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	FSO06
ROTATIONAL OFFICER	FSO-07
REGIONAL BUDGET & FISCAL OFFICER	FSO-04
REGIONAL BUDGET & FISCAL OFFICER	FSS-03
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT OFFICER	FSO-03
GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER	FSO-04
GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER	FSR-06
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PERSONNEL OFFICER	FSS-01
SECURITY OFFICER	FSO-03
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSO-01
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSO-03
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSO-05
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSO-04
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSO-07

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TITLE	GRADE
SECRETARY	FSS-09
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSO-05
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-04

CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-07
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-06
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-04
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-05
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-03
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSR-07
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-03
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSS-04
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSO-05
CONSULAR OFFICER VISA	FSO-07
CONSULAR OFFICER SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES	FSS-04
CONSULAR OFFICER SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES	FSO-05
PRINCIPAL OFFICER	/SO-03
PRINCIPAL OFFICER	FSO-02
CONSULAR OFFICER	FSO-05
CONSULAR OFFICER	/SO-05
CONSULAR OFFICER	/SO-07

29. JOB TITLES AND GRADES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES NOT

ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC STATUS

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SECRETARY	FSS-05
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SPECIAL ASSISTANT	FSR-03
SECRETARY	FSS-05
SECRETARY	FSS-03
SECRETARY	FSS-05
SECRETARY	FSS-07
SECRETARY	FSS-07
SECRETARY	FSS-06
SECRETARY	FSS-08
SECRETARY	FSS-05
SECRETARY	FSS-08
SECRETARY	FSS-08
SECRETARY	FSS-06
SECRETARY	FSS-08
SECRETARY	FSS-05
SECRETARY	FSS-06
REGIONAL SECRETARY	FSS-05
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN CRYPTO	FSS-04
TITLE	GRADE
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN TEL	FSR-07
COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS OFFICER	FSRU-05
SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSS-08
SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSR-07
COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS OFFICER	FSS-05
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SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSS-08
SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSS-05
SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSS-07
SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	/SS-08
RECORDS OFFICER	FSS-03
SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSS-08
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COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS OFFICER	FSS-07
SECURITY OFFICER	FSR-07
SECRETARY	FSS-05
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSR-03
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSR-04

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER	FSR-04
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSR-05
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN	FSR-05
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSR-04
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER	FSR-05
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	FSR-08
POLITICAL OFFICER	FSR-04
POLITICAL OFFICER	FSR-04

30. THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES IN THE TREATMENT OF PER-

SONNEL WHO ARE ALL GRANTED FULL PRIVILEGES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND
PRIVILEGES. ALL PERSONNEL HOWEVER MUST PAY THE VALUE
ADDED TAX ON MOST GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED IN THE
UK AS THE UKG HAS SO FAR RULED THIS TO BE AN "INDIRECT
TAX" AND THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO EXEMPTION WITHIN THE
MEANING OF VIENNA CONVENTION.

31. TITLE/GRADE	NUMBER	ANNUAL COST
AMBASSADOR	17	76,000
TITLE/GRADE	NUMBER	ANNUAL COST
FSO-1 DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION	4	15,000
FSO-1 ECONOMIC MINISTER	1	4,000
FSO-3 PRINCIPAL OFF. - BELFAST	1	1,000

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FSO-3 PRINCIPAL OFF. - EDINBURGH	1	4,000
CM-1 PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR	2	8,000

32. NAME OF ACCOUNT PURPOSE BALANCE AS DEPOSITORY
OF 6/30/77
EMBASSY OFFICIAL OPER.EXPENSES \$ 87,000 AMERICAN
AND ALL STER- EXPRESS
STERLING ACCOUNT LING PAYMENTS

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